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1. The city of Drogobych has a population of 35 thousand. It is situated very close to the Carpathian mountains. The mountains begin at Borislav which is 13 kilometers south of Drogobych.
2. The main street is named Stryiska Ulitsa. It runs northwest to southeast through the center of the city, is paved with asphalt and is considered a first class road. It is wide for two cars and a third could squeeze through.
3. Sinkevicha Ulitsa runs parallel to the main street. It is constructed of dirt and stones and is considered a second class road. All other streets in the city are surfaced with dirt and stones and are in very poor condition.
4. There are three oil refineries in the city. The largest is Polmin refinery. It is on the outskirts and east of the city. Galicia refinery is on the west side of the city and Dross refinery which is the smallest of the three is on the outskirts and east of the city.

5. South and southeast of Borislav there is a petroleum field. [REDACTED]

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6. There are two railroad stations in the city and the railroad is a single-track line. Traffic is both passenger and freight. [REDACTED]

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7. The largest and tallest building is about eight stories high. It contains the city administration offices, the mayor's and other business offices. The building is in the center of the city on Miskevicha Ulitsa.

8. The post office and telephone station are both in the one building. It is five stories high and is also on Miskevicha Ulitsa.

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22. Men in winter wear knee length fur coats, boots, and shirts of varied colors. On social occasions they would wear a white shirt and tie. The men wear dark colored suits in winter and light colored suits in summer. The city does not have any woolen mills. It is possible to buy ready made boots or have them specially made by a bootmaker.
23. Roads that are considered to be first class are from Drogobych to Borislav, Stryj, and Sambor. They are wide enough for two cars to pass each other and are surfaced of dirt and stones. Secondary roads run to Medenitsa, Stebnik, and Dublyanyy. These are also surfaced with stones and dirt.
24. In 1939 during the Soviet occupation everyone carried a passport. Street names were being changed and many people arrested. During the first five months of occupation the city was completely under military control and then reverted to Soviet civilian control.
25. The NKVD told children to listen to whatever their parents, brothers, sister, and relatives discussed at home and report all this to the NKVD.
26. Teachers in the schools were required to use propaganda methods. For example, a teacher would ask a child to say, "Ask God to give you bread." The child would repeat this question out loud in class. Nothing happened. Then the teacher would say, "Now ask father Stalin to give you bread." The child repeated this question. The teacher would hand the child the bread and say, "See, God doesn't give you bread but father Stalin does."

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